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INTERNATIONAL TRADE PROMOTION ORGANISATION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total recoverable loss International Trade Promotion Organisation(ITPO) during the last three years;
- (b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for recovery of this said loss;
- (c) whether the responsibility for such losses have been fixed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the ITPO has amassed Rs. 13,407 crores as service tax from February 7, 2000;
- (f) if so, whether this amount has been deposited with the Government; and
- g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)&(b) The ITPO has posted surplus. The audited figures of last three years of surplus are as under:

YEAR RUPEES IN CRORE

2002-03	21.93
2003-04	40.03
2004-05	55.22

However, an amount of Rs.404.94 lacs represents recoverable dues as on 31.3.2005 in the Audit Report for the year 2004-05 from Food & Beverage (F&B) outlets operating in Pragati Maidan. Out of these, an amount of Rs.168.27 lakhs was recovered during 2005-06. ITPO has initiated administrative and legal action for recovering the balance amount of Rs.236.67 lacs.

(c) & (d) The report of the Special Audit which was conducted on the matter is under examination.

(e),(f) & (g) An amount of Rs.13.407 crores was recovered by ITPO towards contingency charges to meet any unforeseen liabilities and not on account of service tax. Therefore, the question of depositing the same in the Treasury does not arise.